

271-272

1912 Dates J-BK

HORMISDAS was king of Persia

scythian  
Aurelian's victory over the Goths

The first serious threat to the City of Rome came in the reign of Aurelian. In 271 the Juthungi and Marcomanne invaded northern Italy and defeated the imperial Army at Placentia, advancing into central Italy. They were turned back, but Aurelian recognized the need to protect the city against further attacks by building a defensive wall. The work was undertaken with some urgency, and existing monuments

were incorporated into the circuit wherever possible. As built by Aurelian and completed under Probus the city wall was 13 ft thick at the base and 21 ft high.

100 Roman feet  $\approx$  97 English feet.

There were 18 major gates and the circuit was over 12 miles long.

Aurelian rejoined the army on the Danube where ~~Clod~~ Claudius II had been preparing against the VANDALS

The campaign of 271 was indecisive but the Vandals, reinforced by the SARMATIANS were driven back across the Danube and sued for peace.

The T 671 + V 1671 El Marcomanni invaded northern Italy. In the 1<sup>st</sup> encounter,

Aurelian was defeated and the invaders were able to advance as far as PIACENZA before being turned back in two major battles.

Aurelian decided that the city of Rome, unvalled since the beginning of the imperial period, should be given a circuit of defences to protect it against any future Germanic invasions.

271 AD

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Aurelian defeats the Alemanni

Early in 271

Victorinus was killed after  
propositioning the wife of one  
of his officials.



Early in 271 (TETRICUS)

The sudden death of VICTORINUS once again plunged the Gallic empire into uncertainty, for there was no natural successor waiting in the wings. Wealthy VICTORINA bought the allegiance of the legions with a substantial bribe, and with their support conferred the office of emperor (of the Gallic Empire) on TETRICUS, governor of Aquitaine. He was a member of one of leading families of

saul

27/AD

Aurelian defeats MARCOMANNI  
and ALEMANNI and rebuilds  
walls of Rome

Spring 271

TETRICUS was installed as emperor of Gallic Empire at BORDEAUX, and then set out for TRIER, the imperial capital. Before reaching TRIER he took steps to defeat a Germanic invasion and he fought against the Germans again the following year.

Barbarians invade Italy

271

War with ALEMANNI who  
break into Italy

271

Italy invaded; Munich  
wars began.

271

Victorinus was murdered.  
TETRICUS was made  
Gallic emperor.



271-274

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Tetricus was emperor in  
the Gallic empire.